

Veterans Affairs, S. 2134, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, S. 2170, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, S. 2253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational

benefits, and S. 2291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the processing of whistleblower complaints, after receiving testimony from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Liz Hempowicz, Project on Government Oversight, William Hubbard, Student Veterans of America, Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Diane M. Zumatto, AMVETS, and Tom Porter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 4055–4078; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73; H. Con. Res. 94; and H. Res. 532–533, were introduced. **Pages H8359–60**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8361–62**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 531, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4038) to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–342). **Page H8359**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8283**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8289**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Christopher Weidner, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania. **Page H8289**

**Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act:** The House passed H.R. 1737, to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending, by a yea-and-nay vote of 332 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 637. **Pages H8297–H8311, H8322**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that ensures that the costs and impacts to any veteran-owned business are included in the study

required by this bill for any future auto financing guidance put forth by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; **Pages H8309–10**

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that requires that CFPB, before issuing guidance on indirect auto financing, should also conduct a study on the cost and impacts such guidance to rural consumers and businesses; and **Page H8310**

Sewell (AL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that clarifies that nothing in this bill shall be construed to apply to guidance issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection that is not primarily related to indirect auto financing. **Pages H8310–11**

H. Res. 526, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1737) and (H.R. 511) was agreed to yesterday, November 17th.

**Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act:** The House passed H.R. 1210, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, by a yea-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 636. **Pages H8311–22**

Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 635.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–34 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8311**

H. Res. 529, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1210) and (H.R. 3189) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 634, after the previous question was ordered.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, November 19.

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**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 3189 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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**FORM Act of 2015:** The House began consideration of H.R. 3189, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 19th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–35, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–341, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Heck (WA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that requires FOMC to use fully revised data rather than the initial readings that are first available;

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Grayson amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that provides for an annual audit of the Federal Reserve; and

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King (IA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341), as modified, that requires the FOMC to make public the full transcriptions of their meetings and requires study of the effects of the GDP output section of the individual mandate on the US economy, Fed Actions, and federal debt.

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Rejected:

Heck (WA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that sought to suspend the requirement for rules-based decisionmaking when un-

employment or inflation significantly diverges from targets; and

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Grayson amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that sought to establish three new Federal Reserve districts: one for Northern California (located in San Francisco); one for Southern California (located in Los Angeles); and one for Florida (located in Orlando).

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H8292.

**Senate Referrals:** S.J. Res. 23 and S.J. Res. 24 were held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8296–97, H8320–21, H8321–22, and H8322. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The National Commission on Hunger”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OUTSIDE VIEWS ON THE STRATEGY FOR IRAQ AND SYRIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Outside Views on the Strategy for Iraq and Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DOES BIENNIAL BUDGETING FIT IN A REWRITE OF THE BUDGET PROCESS?

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Does Biennial Budgeting Fit in a Rewrite of the Budget Process?”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ribble; and Price of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1321, the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015”; H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated